

# Queen Anne's County Recycling

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## Waste Diversion Rate

- ▶ For calendar year 2003, as a member of Midshore Regional Recycling Program, 46.9% recycling rate + 0% source reduction credit = 46.9% waste diversion rate.

## Residential Program

### *Curbside*

- ▶ There is no County run curbside collection program. Infinity Recycling provides single –family home curbside collection to northern county residents and the towns of Queen Anne and Queenstown.

### *Drop-off*

- ▶ The County has 19 igloo drop-off sites including the five Convenience Centers collecting plastic bottles, newspaper, magazines, aluminum and steel cans, and glass bottles and jars.

### *Processing/Marketing*

- ▶ The County sends plastics to markets in Delaware.
- ▶ The County operates a cardboard baler at two Convenience Centers (Church Hill and Grasonville). Cardboard is marketed and transported directly to mills.
- ▶ All recycled paper grades are hauled to markets in Chestertown, Salisbury, Baltimore, and suburban Washington D.C.
- ▶ Infinity Recycling processes metal cans.
- ▶ Glass is sold to processors in Maryland and Delaware.
- ▶ The Regional Consolidation Site for recyclables operates at the Midshore Regional Landfill in Easton. Consolidation also occurs at Centerville.

### *Municipalities*

- ▶ Queen Anne and Queenstown collect commingled containers once a week in their curbside programs.

### *Yard Trimmings*

- ▶ Yard trimmings are being ground at each of the five Convenience Center drop-offs using a mobile grinder. The mulch is sold for \$5 – \$10 a truckload or given to schools and County agencies. Free mulch days have occurred periodically.

### *Other Materials*

- ▶ *Tires* collected at the landfill are transported to processors in Delaware and Maryland.
- ▶ *CFCs* from white goods, *white goods*, and *clothes* are collected for recycling at the Convenience Centers.
- ▶ *Used motor oil and antifreeze* recycling is provided through the Maryland Environmental Services (MES) program.
- ▶ *Christmas trees* are recycled with the normal yard trimmings program.
- ▶ *Boat shrink-wrap* is being recycled as a pilot program.

### *Household Hazardous Waste*

- ▶ HHW events are open to residents (no business, industry, or commercial companies) and are held twice a year on a rotating basis in the Midshore Counties. A wide variety of materials are accepted. However, explosives, ammunition, medical waste, radioactive materials, picric acid, compressed gas cylinders, asbestos, and smoke detectors are not accepted. For specifics please contact your County recycling coordinator.
- ▶ The County has a permanent drop-off for mercury at the Health Department. Call 410-758-0720 for details.

### *Electronics*

- ▶ The County has held electronics recycling events with the Household Hazardous Waste events. This will continue if funding sources are available.

## **Commercial Program**

- ▶ Businesses may drop unbaled cardboard at the Convenience Centers for processing and baling by inmates from the Eastern Pre-Release Unit in Church Hill, Maryland.

## **Public Buildings**

- ▶ All County office buildings, schools and Chesapeake Community College are encouraged to recycle white paper, newspaper, cardboard, and aluminum cans.
- ▶ The County makes 92 stops on their recycling pick-ups from public and private organizations.

## **Special Programs**

- ▶ The County is participating in the Mid-shore Regional Recycling Program with Talbot, Caroline, and Kent Counties. These Counties share a regional landfill in Easton. The regional igloo network consists of 40 sites.

**Disposal**

- ▶ Mid-Shore Regional landfill tipping fee is \$47.50. A \$4.00 surcharge supports the regional recycling program.
- ▶ Use of the Convenience Centers, by residents, is controlled through a ticket system. One ticket is required for every normal sized load. Additional tickets are required for oversized loads, tires, and appliances with CFC's. Ticket books are sold at local businesses around the county for \$20.00/book of 15 tickets. There is no fee for most recyclables.

**Financing/Budget**

- ▶ The recycling program is financed through general funds and support from the Midshore Regional Recycling Program.